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Official Diary

Monday, 5 January 1953

25X1A9a At the request of Mr. Dulles, and after consulting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised Mr. Dulles on certain aspects of the disarmament paper relating to the AE program.

2. Reported to DCI that agreement had been reached with Lemnitzer (JCS) respecting the Summary Evaluation paper. There was a brief discussion as to whether CIA would employ [REDACTED] prior to the time when the study [REDACTED] was completed. The General expressed the view that [REDACTED] should be paid by the JCS throughout the study since he was the JCS nominee. I requested that we be authorized to negotiate on this point and indicated that the negotiations would be conducted by [REDACTED]

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3. Informed DCI that FI should be commended because of its advance notice of the Colombian insurrection.

4. Mentioned to DCI the rather ominous build-up on the ground, in the air and in propaganda respecting Korea. Gave as my personal evaluation that this was primarily a defensive build-up but might well involve some form of spoiling attack; my best estimate as to time being the middle of February. Informed DCI that this entire subject was under review by O/CI who would forward any information to the Watch Committee, who would then review the evidence.

5. Gave the DCI the summary AE estimate which he was not prepared to read today and then gave it to Mr. Dulles. Informed both DCI and D/DCI that when they had a chance to read the report, I wished to brief them orally on certain aspects thereof.

6. DCI indicated that it would be desirable to brief Mr. Wilson and several Senior Defense Department appointees prior to January 20. DCI stated that this would be a relatively high-level briefing on the activities and functions of CIA. I have requested [REDACTED] to notify all Offices of this possibility and request preparation of proper briefing matter. This might be along the lines of our DD/I and IAD briefings of other Agency officials although it would contain much less detail. DCI indicated that this should be a relatively fancy-dress briefing.

7. There was a discussion of possible staff assistance for Bill Jackson's committee and mention was made of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was planning to recommend continuation of the project to Secretary Lovett. He had stated the CIA position as indicated above, although Finletter appeared to rely substantially upon the intelligence potential emanating from Air Force intelligence. Indicated to [REDACTED] that this did not change the former CIA position and he assured me that arrangements were being made to inform CIA personnel, including [REDACTED] who would be able to evaluate this project technically from the point of collection. [REDACTED] will carry on.

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9. Mr. Dulles inquired by phone respecting the State alert to the Caribbean Command and I indicated my belief that this action was predicated upon our reports of the likelihood of disturbances in Guatemala, Colombia and Bolivia.

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10. Received a briefing from [REDACTED] regarding the build-up in Korea, with particular reference to a recent Air Force intelligence memorandum concerning the arrival of IL-28 aircraft.

11. Mr. Amory reported on the Summary Evaluation status, recommending that DCI call Edgar Hoover.

12. Mr. Amory also raised a question respecting the special clearance problem, but desired a further opportunity to discuss this with [REDACTED]. I suggested that if the situation was not thus resolved, [REDACTED], he and I sit down and review several representative cases.

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13. [REDACTED] briefed me on a request from the DD/P side of the house for a round-up on international Communism. He felt that State should be requested to prepare such a study since it was an area of State responsibility and I agreed.

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14. Discussed, with [REDACTED] a possible revision of the Watchpot paper. I feel that in this paper, or in some other place, we should have broader round-ups by O/CI, indicating connected items of current intelligence. The terms in which I was thinking are even broader than those dealt with in CIR articles. [REDACTED] indicated that this was under study. 25X1A9a

15. I undertook to ascertain from DCI his desires regarding the next Friday briefing of General Eisenhower.

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16. [REDACTED] called regarding the [REDACTED] suggestion made by [REDACTED] and indicated that they desired to hold off on this problem. I indicated that the decision lies entirely with DD/P's people.

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17. Reviewed with [REDACTED] Dulles, [REDACTED] Amory and [REDACTED] various observations respecting the recent trip. All of the matters discussed will be embodied in various reports which [REDACTED] and myself are preparing. At this dinner [REDACTED] also raised the question of the [REDACTED] 25X1C10b request for a study of international Communism and I maintained the position that this requirement should be laid on State before O/CI was asked to act. Later informed [REDACTED] on this.

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